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"Some of the compounds developed under this program may now be available in sufficient quantities to permit extensive testing for their usefulness as field agents. Sufficient quantities for initial munitions testing and weaponization could become available within the next five years."

THE CASE THAT WILL NOT DIE: It was more than 21 years ago that John F. Kennedy was gunned down in Dallas, but facts about the assassination keep floating to the surface like flotsam from some long-sunken ship.

Recently, some fascinating fragments have turned up in an unnoticed federal appeals court filing by Harold Weisberg. The indefatigable, 71-year-old former newsman has been trying for years to force a reluctant Justice Department to come clean on the JFK murder.

Long-secret FBI documents pried out by Weisberg and other investigators provide these tantalizing tidbits on the assassination, the alleged killer and the tragedy's aftermath:

- Lee Harvey Oswald, the "loner" generally accepted as Kennedy's single assassin, once told an FBI agent he had been "contacted" by the Soviet secret police — presumably during the period he lived in Russia. But the FBI, incredibly, never asked Oswald what the contact consisted of. Weisberg believes Oswald was lying: The truth may never be known.

- An FBI agent said Oswald at one time was either an "informant or source" for the bureau and knowingly provided information to the FBI in Dallas. What he told the G-men is not known.

- The FBI conducted secret investigations of the distinguished members of the Warren Commission. After the commission's report was submitted, the FBI also compiled dossiers on the commission staff.

- Whenever critics got vocal about the FBI's finding that Oswald acted alone — a conclusion accepted by the Warren Commission — the FBI began "preparation of sex dossiers on (the) critics." The newly released documents make clear that important aspects of the assassination were going uninvestigated while the G-men were snooping in their detractors' bedrooms.

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